

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent From Last Year

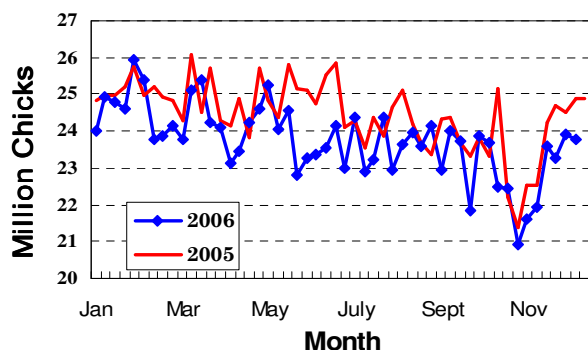
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending December 23, 2006. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2005 and virtually unchanged from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through December 23, 2006 were 1.2 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.6 million, down 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and virtually unchanged from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

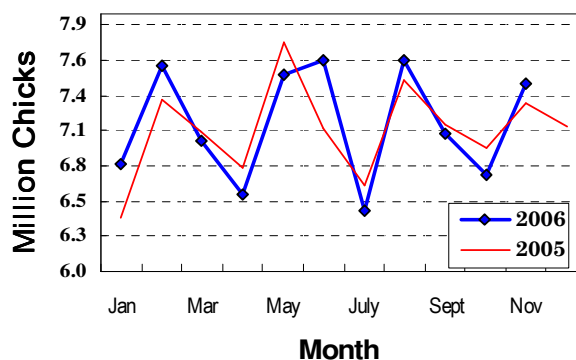
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 23, 2006, down 8 percent from the same period last year, and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.45 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2006, up 2 percent from November 2005.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2005-2006



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2005 - 2006



	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
Week Ending 1/	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	Thousand		
Nov. 18	22,543	21,612	96
Nov. 25	22,533	21,931	97
Dec. 2	24,258	23,607	97
Dec. 9	24,691	23,250	94
Dec. 16	24,511	23,904*	98
Dec. 23	24,894	23,789	96

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable

	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
Month	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	Thousand		
June	7,109	7,636	107
July	6,657	6,456	97
Aug.	7,484	7,631	102
Sept.	7,132	7,063	99
Oct.	6,944	6,744	97
Nov.	7,298	7,448	102

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Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, November 25 - December 23, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec	16-Dec	23-Dec	% 1/	25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec	16-Dec	23-Dec	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,220	31,091 *	30,593	30,327	30,098	103	18,602	20,721	19,686	20,225 *	20,926	99
Arkansas	29,644 *	29,765 *	28,614	29,789	28,911	93	21,931	23,607	23,250	23,904 *	23,789	95
Delaware	3,837	3,943	3,963	3,913	3,572	89	5,070	4,941	5,287	4,366	4,126	76
Florida	1,336	1,264 *	1,356	1,353	1,342	101	1,439	1,194	1,484	1,685	1,575	111
Georgia	35,216	35,298	34,244	35,819	34,923	103	26,483	26,515	28,138	28,590	28,316	107
Kentucky	7,505 *	7,472	6,698	7,465	7,154	116	5,366	5,717	6,174	5,922	6,327	111
Louisiana	3,712	3,712	3,712	3,742	3,742	94	3,768	3,445	3,635	3,606	3,816	103
Maryland	8,609	8,495	8,482	8,531	8,603	98	5,972	5,340	5,761	6,675	6,220	122
Mississippi	18,123	17,007	17,147	17,960	18,321	96	15,453	15,302	15,762	16,075	15,228	88
N. Carolina	18,540	18,825 *	18,660	19,039	18,688	102	15,437	15,586	15,496	15,454	15,445	109
Oklahoma	6,403	6,449	6,447	6,177	5,994	92	3,948	4,805	5,424	4,180	4,648	96
Pennsylvania	4,124	4,023	3,901 *	4,002 *	4,076	107	2,828	2,846	2,915 *	2,949 *	2,974	109
S. Carolina	5,384	5,574	5,471	5,530	5,205	108	3,966	4,998	4,578	4,521	5,006	111
Texas	14,326	14,309	14,080	14,138	14,112	94	11,606	11,670	12,142	12,085	12,052	96
Virginia	6,223	6,399	5,959	6,075	6,234	100	4,057	5,017	4,776	5,186	5,238	102
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,985 *	17,606	17,863	17,701 *	17,764	101	16,268	16,374	16,980 *	17,119 *	16,361	98
19 State Total	211,187 *	211,232 *	207,190 *	211,561 *	208,739		162,194	168,078	171,488 *	172,542 *	172,047	
Prev. Year Total	215,393	214,156	213,249	215,686	212,232		169,218	171,991	173,392	175,810	174,733	
% of Prev. Year	98	99	97	98	98		96	98	99	98	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 23, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 23, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 23, 2006 were 8.78 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

* Revised